

CORE REQUIREMENTS ON-THE-JOB LEARNING
FIELD TECHNICIAN SOIL/ASPHALT INSPECTOR
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In addition to the related instruction, Apprentices will take tests in order to receive the following certifications during the first 1,200 hours of core apprenticeship:

- Soil
 - Troxler orientation (required during the five-day site evaluation)
 - 10-hour OSHA (required during the first 1,200 hours of apprenticeship)
 - NICET Level I (required during the first 1,200 hours of apprenticeship)
- Asphalt
 - Nuclear density testing class (required during the first 1,200 hours of apprenticeship)
 - Aggregates course (required during the first 1,200 hours of apprenticeship)
 - Level I certification (required during the first 1,200 hours of apprenticeship)
- Steel/Fireproofing
 - Structural Steel Technologies - Bolting Test (required during the first 1,200 hours of apprenticeship)
- Concrete
 - ACI Level I/Level I certification (required during the five-day site evaluation)
- Masonry
 - No certifications unless chosen as a Major discipline

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Core on-the-job learning (OJL); (1,200 Hours Total), each Apprentice will complete an initial minimum of 100 hours and a maximum of 800 hours in the following core disciplines: 1) Soil, 2) Asphalt, 3) Steel / Welding / Fireproofing, 4) Concrete, and 5) Masonry, but a total of 1,200 core hours. Once an Apprentice completes the initial 1,200 core hours, he/she may choose which of the following three main disciplines to complete the remaining 4,800 hours of apprenticeship.

- 1. Soil/Asphalt**
- 2. Steel/Welding/Fireproofing**
- 3. Concrete/Masonry**

An Apprentice may only choose one main discipline at a time to complete the apprenticeship. Each Apprentice will receive a completion certificate in the respective chosen main discipline. However, an Apprentice may choose to obtain more than one completion certificate. If an Apprentice chooses to complete more than one completion certificate, the Apprentice will be granted previous credit and only be required to complete the requisite 4,800 OJL and related classroom instruction in the subsequent main discipline. Further, an Apprentice choosing to obtain more than one completion certificate shall be paid journeyman scale while completing his/her subsequent Master certificate(s). An Apprentice who obtains a completion certificate in all three (3) main disciplines will receive a Master Completion Certificate for Field technician.

An Apprentice must take and pass all exams required for the chosen discipline in order to obtain journeyman status. If an Apprentice has difficulty passing all required exams, the Apprentice may take a one-time transfer into one of the other two major disciplines offered. If the Apprentice cannot pass the required exams in the second chosen major discipline, the Apprentice will be terminated and the Apprenticeship Agreement will be cancelled. All Apprentices are required to finish the apprenticeship program within six (6) years of entrance into the program. Those who have chosen to take a one-time transfer will be given additional time equal to the time spent in the first chosen major discipline in which to complete the apprenticeship.

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Discipline: SOIL		Approx. Core Hours (minimum)	Approx. Core Hours (maximum)
1.	Learn the duties and responsibilities of a soil technician	10	100
2.	Learn how to properly sample soils (random)	10	100
3.	Learn proper terms for soils and soil density	10	50
4.	Learn different methods and testing related to the compaction of soil	10	100
5.	Learn the basics of mass grading	10	50
6.	Learn the basics of bearing capacity of soils	10	50
7.	Learn the basics of proof rolls	10	50
8.	Learn the basics of footing inspections	10	50
9.	Learn the basics of tests applicable to soils	10	150
10.	Learn how to use and maintain specific soil testing equipment	5	50
11.	Learn proper safety methods when conducting various soil tests or using specific soil testing equipment	5	50
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Discipline: ASPHALT		Approx. Core Hours (minimum)	Approx. Core Hours (maximum)
1.	Learn the duties and responsibilities of an asphalt technician	10	100
2.	Learn how to read and interpret DOT specs	15	100
3.	Learn how to read and interpret DOT forms	10	100
4.	Learn different methods and testing related to asphalt	15	100
5.	Learn how to review mix designs for compliance with project requirements	10	100
6.	Learn how to perform preliminary tests on proposed aggregates and asphalt	15	100
7.	Learn how to verify stability and density, bulk specific gravity, and maximum specific density	15	100
8.	Learn how to use and maintain specific asphalt testing equipment	5	50
9.	Learn proper safety methods when conducting various asphalt tests or using specific asphalt testing equipment	5	50
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Discipline: STEEL/WELDING/FIREPROOFING		Approx. Core Hours (minimum)	Approx. Core Hours (maximum)
1.	Learn the duties and responsibilities of a steel/fireproofing technician	10	100
2.	Learn particular standards (AWS, AWCI, etc.) applied to steel/fireproof testing	20	150
3.	Learn how to read a welding procedure specification	10	100
4.	Learn the basics of welding procedures	10	150
5.	Learn the basics of non-destructive testing	20	100
6.	Learn how to check a welder's certification and log	5	25
7.	Learn the tests applicable to steel, fireproofing, and post-tension	10	75
8.	Learn how to use and maintain specific steel, fireproofing, and post-tension testing equipment	5	50
9.	Learn proper safety methods when conducting various steel, fireproofing, and post-tension tests or using specific steel, fireproofing, and post-tension testing equipment	10	50
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Discipline: CONCRETE		Approx. Core Hours (minimum)	Approx. Core Hours (maximum)
1.	Learn the duties and responsibilities of a concrete technician	10	100
2.	Learn how to check reinforced steel for size, spacing, clearances, and splices	10	50
3.	Learn how to verify a concrete mix design	5	50
4.	Learn the proper technique for sampling concrete	10	90
5.	Learn proper techniques for water control	5	35
6.	Learn proper techniques for placing concrete	5	45
7.	Learn how to cast compression test specimens	10	35
8.	Learn how to inspect forms for cleanliness and proper treatment prior to concrete placement	5	10
9.	Learn tests applicable to concrete testing	10	100
10.	Learn how to inspect for slump, entrained air, temperature, and wet unit weight	5	50
11.	Learn how to determine number of mixing revolutions and/or length of time since batching	5	35
12.	Learn how to sample concrete and prepare test cylinders in accordance with ASTM C31	5	50
13.	Learn how to inspect placement procedures to determine segregation, cold joints, displacement of reinforcing or forms, and proper support of embedded items, anchors, and bolts	5	50
14.	Learn how to use and maintain specific concrete testing equipment	5	50
15.	Learn proper safety methods when conducting various concrete tests or using specific concrete testing equipment	5	50
Total Hours		100	800

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During the Core OJL, Apprentices are given the opportunity to develop limited skills in all core disciplines covered by the Field Technician occupation. These limited skills will allow the Apprentice to make an educated decision as to which major discipline to choose to complete their Apprenticeship. Employers may dictate in which core disciplines the Apprentice receives the first 1,200 hours of Core OJL; however, Employers must allow the Apprentice to achieve a minimum of 100 hours and a maximum of 800 hours in the five disciplines listed during the first-year of apprenticeship.

Discipline: MASONRY		Approx. Core Hours (minimum)	Approx. Core Hours (maximum)
1.	Learn the duties and responsibilities of a masonry technician	10	100
2.	Learn tests applicable to masonry testing	20	100
3.	Learn how to properly store on-site completed masonry prisms	10	100
4.	Learn how to identify concrete masonry units, pre-bagged mortar, or grout	10	100
5.	Learn the proper technique for placing grout into concrete masonry units	15	100
6.	Learn the proper technique for consolidating grout with a vibrator	15	100
7.	Learn how to inspect head and bed joints	10	100
8.	Learn how to use and maintain specific masonry testing equipment	5	50
9.	Learn proper safety methods when conducting various masonry tests or using specific masonry testing equipment	5	50
Total Hours		100	800

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Employers may dictate in which of the two disciplines (soil and asphalt) the Apprentice receives the remaining 4,800 hours of OJL; however, Employers must allow the Apprentice to achieve a minimum of 1,200 hours and a maximum of 3,600 hours in the two disciplines (soil and asphalt) listed.

Discipline: SOIL		Approx. Hours (minimum)	Approx. Hours (maximum)
SOIL			
1.	Have an advanced understanding of soil density	100	300
2.	Have an advanced knowledge of mass grading	100	300
3.	Have an advanced knowledge of bearing capacity of soils	100	300
4.	Have an advanced understanding of proof rolls	100	300
5.	Learn how to inspect mass grading	100	300
6.	Learn how to inspect excavation filling	100	300
7.	Learn how to inspect piles	100	300
8.	Learn how to inspect caissons	100	300
9.	Have an advanced understanding of footing inspections	100	300
10.	Have an advanced knowledge of tests applicable to soils	100	300
11.	Have an advanced knowledge of soil stabilization	100	300
12.	Have an advanced knowledge of soil classifications	100	300
Total Hours		1,200	3,600

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Discipline: ASPHALT		Approx. Hours (minimum)	Approx. Hours (maximum)
ASPHALT			
1.	Have an advanced knowledge of how to read and interpret DOT specs	100	400
2.	Have an advanced knowledge of how to read and interpret DOT forms	100	300
3.	Have an advanced knowledge of tests applicable to asphalt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Learn how to run a nuclear A/C content test b. Learn how to run a bulk specific gravities c. Learn how to run a stripping test d. Learn how to use a nomograph e. Learn how to use a muffle oven f. Learn how to use a reflect extractor g. Learn how to use a gyratory compactor 	200	500
4.	Learn how to review mix designs for compliance with project requirements	100	200
5.	Learn how to review material certificates and test reports for compliance with job specifications	100	200
6.	Learn how to use a coring machine	100	400
7.	Learn how to use the CARE A/C software	200	400
8.	Learn how to sample bituminous materials	100	400
9.	Have an advanced knowledge of bituminous materials terminology	100	300
10.	Learn bituminous mixing plant inspection	100	500
Total Hours		1,200	3,600
Core, Soil & Asphalt Total Hours		2,400	6,000

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RELATED INSTRUCTION OUTLINE
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In addition to the required on-the-job training for a Major in soil/asphalt, Apprentices shall be required to enroll, attend, and complete the initial minimum of 144 hours of classroom instruction and a minimum of 144 classroom hours each year thereafter of related classroom instruction in subjects relating to soil/asphalt. Topics to be studied (completed) as part of the required curriculum shall include, but not be limited to those listed below. The order of presentation and/or year of presentation may change from time to time:

Discipline: SOIL/ASPHALT	Hours
8-hour Nuclear Gauge refresher course (8 x 4 years)	32
Plans and specs specific to soil and asphalt testing	40
Advanced understanding of standard lab and field equipment	40
Advanced understanding of field and lab tests performed on soil and asphalt	56
Intermediate mathematics	44
Advanced communications	32
Advanced physical science specific to soil and asphalt testing	64
Learn the agencies and procedures for publishing testing procedures	32
Basic drafting	40
Understand the background of soil, in general <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. definitions B. origins C. existence D. identification E. soil nomenclature 	32
Learn how to properly classify and identify different types of soils	36
Learn the proper techniques for preparing soil and asphalt samples for testing	32
Learn the particle-size analysis of soils	24
Learn liquid and plastic limits of soil	24
Learn soil specific gravity	24
Ethics	24
Total Hours (Minimum 576)	576